Committee on Social, Economic and Educational Status of Minority

1399. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government to improve the lot of minorities as suggested by the Prime Minister's High Level Committee on Social, Economic and Educational Status of the muslim minorities;

(b) whether Government have evolved a strategy to ensure better education and financial facilities to minority and backward communities, particularly muslims in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount of grants made available to the Ministry for 2007-08 for the above purpose;

(e) the basis on which Government has distinguished between minority and backward communities; and

(f) the achievements made, so far, by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) A statement on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee has been laid on the Table of the House on 31.8.2007.

(d) The allocation for schemes meant exclusively for the minorities is in Statement (*See* below).

(e) Five communities have been notified as minorities under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act 1992. Other Backward Classes, who are socially and economically backward, are notified by the Central Government and the State Governments.

(f) The progress of implementation of the follow up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee is being monitored closely.

Statement

Details of allocation for schemes meant exclusively for Minorities

Annual Plan (2007-08) for the Ministry of Minority Affairs

Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan (2007-08) (In crores)
1	2	3
A.	Central Sector Schemes	
A-1	Ongoing Schemes	
i	**Enhancing corpus fund of Maulana Azad Education Foundation**	
ii	(a) **Contribution to the Equity of NMDFC**	
	(b) **Grant-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCA) engaged for implementation in NMDFC programme**	

1	2	3
iii	**Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities**	10.00
	Sub Total (A-1)	140.00
A-2	New Schemes	
i	**Research/studies, monitoring & evaluation of development Schemes, for Minorities including publicity**	6.00
	Sub Total (A-2)	6.00
	Total A	146.00
B.	Centrally Sponsored Schemes	
B-1	Ongoing Schemes	
i	**Merit-cum-Means scholarship for professional and technical courses of undergraduate and postgraduate courses**	54.00
	Sub Total (B-1)	54.00
B-2	New Schemes	
i	**Pre-Matric Scholarships for Minorities**	80.00
ii	**Post-Matric Scholarships for Minorities**	100.00
iii	**Multi Sectoral Development Programme for Minorities in selected of minority concentration districts**	120.00
	Sub Total (B-2)	300.00
	Total B	354.00
	Grand Total (A + B)	500.00

Schemes for economic, social and educational upgradation of minorities

†1400. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of schemes formulated by Government for economic, social and educational upgradation of the minorities, in the light of the recommendations made by the Sachar Committee;

(b) the details of allocations made by Government for implementation of these schemes, scheme-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the norms set for spending the allocated amount?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) A Statement on the follow-up action on the recommendation of the Sachar Committee, containing *inter-alia* initiatives and schemes, has been laid on the Table of the House on 31.8.2007. The details of allocation for schemes meant exclusively for minorities is given in the Statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.